

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A package for containers folded from a blank, provided with:
  - a substantially closed bottom panel;
  - two side panels, upstanding from the bottom panel, on opposite sides thereof;
  - two upper flaps, each extending from an opposite one of the side panels, folded in an inward direction from the side panels to at least partially overlap each other over containers arranged on the bottom panel and collectively form an upper panel;
  - end wall flaps extending on both sides of each side panel while confining the containers; and
  - top flaps extending from the upper edges of the end wall flaps facing away from the bottom panel, below or between the upper flaps;
  - wherein at least two of the top flaps and/or the upper flaps are attached to each other.
2. (Original) A package according to claim 1, wherein the end wall flaps are mutually connected on both ends of the bottom panel by edge flaps extending from the bottom panel.
3. (Original) A package according to claim 2, wherein the edge flaps are connected to the end wall flaps by folding flaps, such that the package can be folded from a planar blank.
4. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 1, wherein the end wall flaps overlap, at least partly.
5. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 1, wherein a first upper flap rests on the top side of the containers, while on the upper side of the first upper flap at least one glue trace is provided which extends along at least one edge of said first upper flap, the top flaps and a second upper flap being fastened to the first upper flap with the aid of said at least one glue trace.
6. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 5, wherein said at least one glue trace is built up from individual glue surfaces.
7. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 1, wherein, in both upper flaps, recesses are provided overlapping each other at least partly, while in the recesses in the overlying upper flap folding lips are provided which are or can be pressed through the underlying recesses, such that said folding lips connect the two upper flaps and engagement openings are provided for lifting the package.
8. (Currently Amended) A blank for a package for containers, provided with:

- a substantially closed bottom panel;
- two side panels connected to the bottom panel via first fold lines extending parallel to each other;
- first and second upper flaps each connected to an opposite one of the side panels via fifth fold lines extending substantially parallel to the first fold lines to be folded in inward directions about the fifth fold lines to collectively form an upper panel, wherein the first and second upper flaps include dimensions suitable to allow the first and second upper flaps to at least partially overlap each other over a region of the bottom panel that is to support the containers when placed within the package;
- end wall flaps connected to the side panels via third fold lines extending substantially at right angles to the first and fifth fold lines; and
- top flaps connected to the end wall flaps via sixth fold lines extending approximately in line with, at least substantially parallel to the fifth fold lines.

9. (Original) A blank according to claim 8, further provided with edge flaps connected to the bottom panel via second fold lines extending approximately in line with, at least parallel to the third fold lines.

10. (Original) A blank according to claim 9, wherein each edge flap, via an eighth fold line, is connected to a substantially triangular folding flap, which folding flap is connected to an end wall flap via a seventh fold line.

11. (Previously Presented) A blank according to claim 8, wherein the bottom panel has a width viewed in the longitudinal direction of the second fold lines and a length viewed in the longitudinal direction of the first and fifth fold lines, while the joint length of the end wall flaps, measured approximately at right angles to the third fold lines, is approximately equal to or slightly greater than the width of the bottom panel.

12. (Previously Presented) A blank according to claim 8, wherein the side panels have a height, measured between the respective first and fifth fold lines, while the end wall flaps have a height which is substantially equal to the height of said side panels.

13. (Previously Presented) A blank according to claim 8, wherein the top flaps have a length, measured approximately at right angles to the sixth fold lines, which is approximately equal to or slightly smaller than the length of the upper flaps, measured approximately at right angles to the fifth fold lines.

14. (Previously Presented) A blank according to claim 8, wherein the upper flaps have a length such that, with the package set up, they overlap while in each of the upper flaps at least two recesses are provided, while in the recesses of at least one upper flap folding lips are provided, connected to the respective upper flap via a fold line, which folding lips widen somewhat from said fold line, while the

greatest width of the folding lips is greater than the greatest width of the recesses in the other upper flap, measured approximately parallel to said fold line.

15. (Previously Presented) A package comprising a blank according to claim 8, wherein on the bottom panel at least one row of containers is arranged, which containers are arranged against each other and extend along the longitudinal edges of the bottom panel, said blank having been arranged as follows:

- the side panels folded on opposite sides against the containers;
- the end wall flaps folded on opposite ends against the containers;
- the first upper flap, the top flaps and the second upper flap folded over the top side of the containers;
- the top flaps received between the containers and the first upper flap and/ or between the first and/or the second upper flap; and
- wherein the first and second upper flap are connected to each other and/or to the top flaps.

16. (Previously Presented) A package comprising a blank according to claim 9, wherein on the bottom panel at least one row of containers is arranged, which containers are arranged against each other and extend along the longitudinal edges of the bottom panel, said blank having been arranged as follows:

- the side panels folded on opposite sides against the containers;
- the edge flaps folded on opposite ends against the containers;
- the end wall flaps folded on opposite ends against the containers and/or the edge flaps;
- the first upper flap, the top flaps and the second upper flap folded over the top side of the containers;
- the top flaps received between the containers and the first upper flap and/or between the first and/or second upper flap; and
- wherein the first and second upper flap are connected to each other and/ or the top flaps.

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22. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 5, wherein said at least one glue trace extends along at least three edges of said first upper flap.

23. (Previously Presented) A package according to claim 6, wherein said individual glue surfaces are drops.

24. (Currently amended) A package according to claim 1, ~~wherein said~~ further comprising containers disposed within the package, wherein the containers are bottles or cans.

25. (New) A package for containers folded from a blank, the package comprising:

- a substantially closed bottom panel;
- two side panels, upstanding from the bottom panel, on opposite sides thereof;
- two upper flaps, each extending from an opposite one of the side panels and folded in an inward direction from the side panels to at least partially overlap each other over containers arranged on the bottom panel;
- an aperture formed in each of the two upper flaps, wherein the aperture provided to one of the two upper flaps is aligned with the aperture provided to another of the two upper flaps to define a carry opening that extends through both of the two upper flaps and leads into an interior of the package;
- end wall flaps extending on both sides of each side panel while confining the containers; and
- top flaps extending from the upper edges of the end wall flaps facing away from the bottom panel, below or between the upper flaps;
- wherein at least the top flaps and/or the upper flaps are attached to each other.

26. (New) A blank for a package for containers, provided with:

- a substantially closed bottom panel;
- two side panels connected to the bottom panel via first fold lines extending parallel to each other;
- first and second upper flaps each connected to an opposite side of the side panels via fifth fold lines extending substantially parallel to the first fold lines to be folded in inward directions about the fifth fold lines to collectively form an upper panel above that is substantially parallel with the bottom panel, wherein the first and second upper flaps include dimensions suitable to allow the first and second upper flaps to at least partially overlap each other over a region of the bottom panel that is to support the containers when placed within the package;
- an aperture formed in each of the first and second upper flaps, wherein the aperture provided to the first upper flap is aligned with the aperture provided to the second upper flap when the first and second upper flaps are folded about the fifth fold lines in the inward directions to define a carry opening that extends through both of the first and second upper flaps and leads into an interior of the package;
- end wall flaps connected to the side panels via third fold lines extending substantially at right angles to the first and fifth fold lines; and
- top flaps connected to the end wall flaps via sixth fold lines extending approximately in line with, at least substantially parallel to the fifth fold lines.